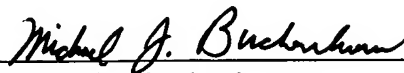


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 31-43 are pending in the application. New claim 43 has been added. Claim 40 was cancelled. Claims 32, 35 and 36 have been amended.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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